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SUBJECT: SOAMES' REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON EGYPT

1. SOAMES' OFFICE DELIVERED TO MISSION ON SEPTEMBER 23  
WRITTEN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 1 LETTER TO SOAMES  
ON FOOD AID FOR EGYPT. TEXT FOLLOWS (SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING  
POUCHED):  
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR HENRY,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1 SEPTEMBER IN WHICH YOU  
ASK THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WHETHER WE COULD FIND WAYS  
TO HELP EGYPT IN THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH IT FACES  
AND WHICH ARE ALSO A CAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION TO US.

I HAVE NOW HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH MY COLLEAGUES  
IN THE COMMISSION WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERING THE  
POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING OUR FOOD AID EFFORT TO EGYPT IN  
THE LIGHT OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF THAT COUNTRY AMONG THE  
MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AND ALSO OF THE LIKELI-  
HOOD THAT THE HARVESTS IN A NUMBER OF ASIAN COUNTRIES WILL  
BE SUFFICIENTLY GOOD TO JUSTIFY A SMALLER FOOD AID CONTRI-  
BUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THOSE THAN HAD  
BEEN FORESEEN.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO THE  
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COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

IN THE FOOD AID WHICH WE CURRENTLY PLAN TO GIVE TO EGYPT.  
I AM AFRAID I CANNOT PUT PRECISE FIGURES ON THE SIZE OF  
THE INCREASE AT THIS STAGE SINCE THIS DEPENDS TO SOME  
EXTENT ON THE REDUCTIONS IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ASIAN BENEFICIARIES OF OUR FOOD AID PROGRAMME, WHICH  
CANNOT YET BE CALCULATED WITH PRECISION.

YOURS EVER  
CHRISTOPHER

END TEXT. HINTON

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